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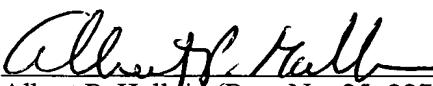
This information is found on the first page of the Application and the first two pages of the Preliminary Amendment (copies included).

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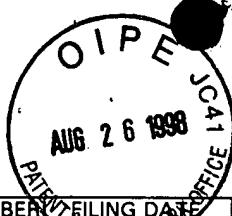
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Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to the field of genetically engineered peptide production in plants, more specifically, 10 the invention relates to the use of tobamovirus vectors to express fusion proteins.

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is a continuation-in-part of 15 application 08/176,414, filed on December 29, 1993 which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 07/997,733, filed December 30, 1992.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

20 Peptides are a diverse class of molecules having a variety of important chemical and biological properties. Some examples include; hormones, cytokines, immunoregulators, peptide-based enzyme inhibitors, vaccine antigens, adhesions, receptor binding domains, enzyme inhibitors and the like. The 25 cost of chemical synthesis limits the potential applications of synthetic peptides for many useful purposes such as large scale therapeutic drug or vaccine synthesis. There is a need for inexpensive and rapid synthesis of milligram and larger quantities of naturally-occurring polypeptides. Towards this 30 goal many animal and bacterial viruses have been successfully used as peptide carriers.

The safe and inexpensive culture of plants provides an improved alternative host for the cost-effective production of such peptides. During the last decade, considerable progress 35 has been made in expressing foreign genes in plants. Foreign proteins are now routinely produced in many plant species for modification of the plant or for production of proteins for



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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.607 COPYING CLAIMS
FROM PATENT FOR PURPOSES OF INTERFERENCE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants present the following claims and request that an interference be declared between these claims and the claims of U.S. Patent No. 5,618,699.

AMENDMENT

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, line 14, after "The present application is", please insert --a continuation of application 08/324,003, filed October 14, 1994, which is--.

On page 1, line 17, after "December 30, 1992." please insert:

--The present application is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 08/184,237, filed January 19, 1994, which is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 07/997,733, filed December 30, 1992, now abandoned, which is a continuation of Application No. 07/923,692, filed July 31, 1992, now Patent No. 5,316,931, which is a continuation-in-part of Applications No. 07/600,244, filed October 22, 1990, now abandoned, No. 07/641,617, filed January 16, 1991, now abandoned, Application No. 07/737,899, filed July 26, 1991, now abandoned, and Application No. 07/739,143, filed August 1, 1991, now abandoned.

Application No. 07/600,244 is a continuation of Application No. 07/310,881, filed February

17, 1989, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of Applications No. 07/160,766 and No. 07/160,771, both filed on February 26, 1988 and now abandoned. Application No. 07/641,617 is a continuation of Application No. 07/347,637, filed May 5, 1989, now abandoned. Application No. 07/737,899 is a continuation of Application No. 07/363,138, filed June 8, 1989, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 07/219,279, filed July 15, 1988, now abandoned. Application No. 07/739,143 is a continuation-in-part of Applications No. 07/600,244, filed October 22, 1990, now abandoned, No. 07/641,617, filed January 16, 1991, now abandoned, and No. 07/737,899, filed July 26, 1991, now abandoned. Benefit is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 with respect to Applications No. 07/923,692, filed July 31, 1992, No. 07/739,143 filed August 1, 1991, No. 07/310,881, filed February 17, 1989, and No. 07/160,766, filed February 26, 1988.--

On page 3, line 10, please replace "plan" with --plant--.

On page 7, line 9, please replace "o" with --of--.

On page 8, line 4, please replace "fusion s" with --fusions--.

On page 10, line 35, please replace "dissassembled" with --disassembled--.

On page 11, line 5, please replace "infections" with --infectious--.

On page 11, line 8, please replace "having" with --have--.

On page 11, line 13, please insert --have-- after "may".

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-13.

Please add the following claims:

--14. A plant virus vector comprising a viral assembly origin and a foreign protein gene linked downstream of a coat protein gene of a Tobamovirus via a nucleotide sequence of a Tobamovirus which causes readthrough, such that upon expression of the vector in a plant, the coat protein and a fusion protein of the coat protein and the foreign protein are systemically produced in the plant.--